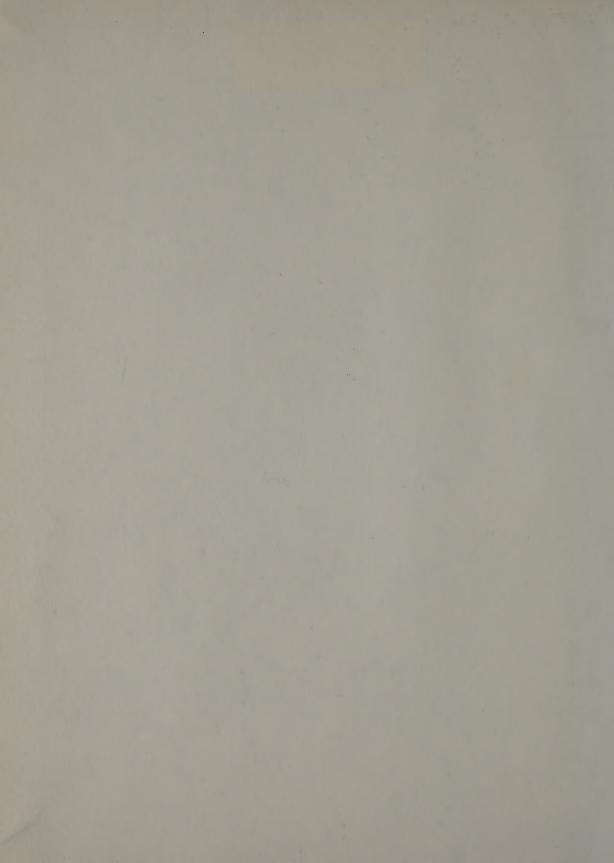
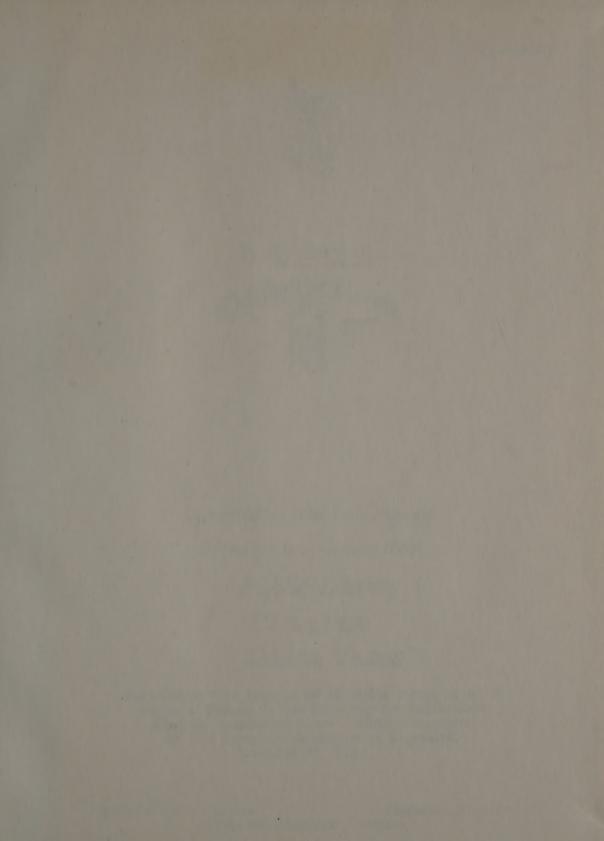


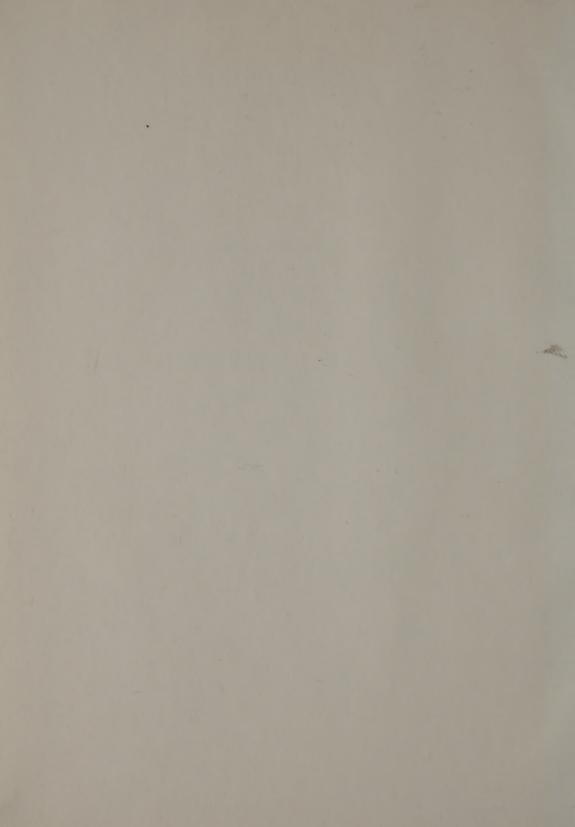
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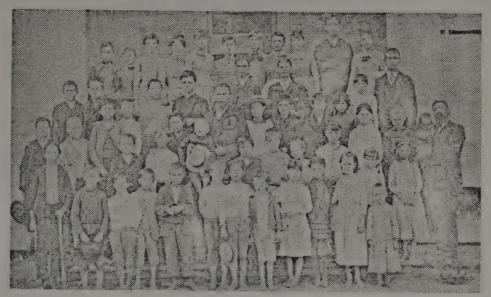
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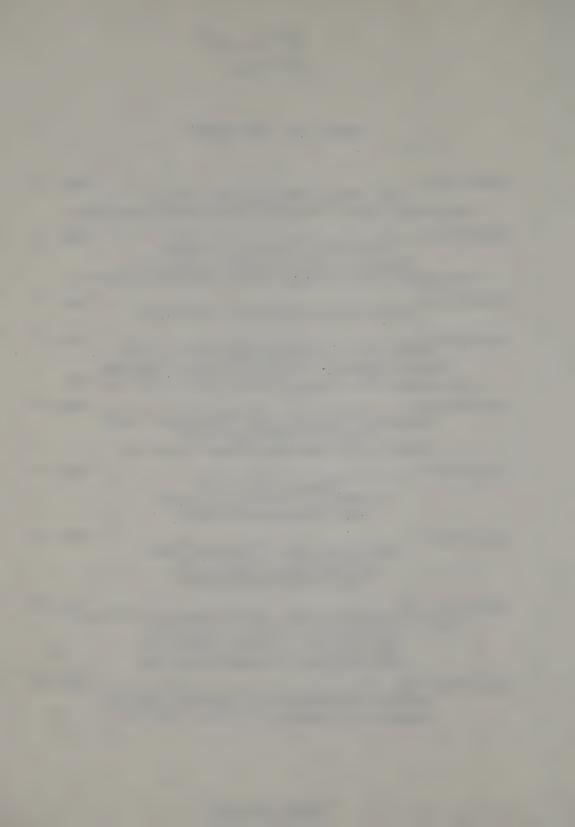


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FOREWORD

On November 21, 1958, twenty-nine women of Tallahatchie County came together in a common purpose to establish the fiftieth chapter of the Mississippi Society of Daughters of the American Revolution. Theirs was a noble purpose . . . to commemorate the valor and patriotism of their forebears; to emulate the spirit of their ancestors; and to perpetuate the ideals of democracy upon which our nation was founded.

As one of this Society's many interests is in historical research, the Chapter has decided to record an account of Tallahatchie County's first days, and to try to tie in a few of the accounts of intervening years, up to the present date.

And so . . . we lovingly dedicate these pages to the memory of the men and women who founded this county. May the fruits of their labors continue in the hearts of their posterity. May their service not have been in vain. May their ideals be upheld, their dreams fulfilled, and their progressive endeavors continue in our world today; so that someday, our children and their children may know that we of this generation did not fail in our part! May they know that we too have kept alive the principles upon which our great land came into being.

Jean Conger May, Regent Tallahatchie Chapter

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead who never to himself has said,
This is my own, my native land . . ."



CHAPTER I

FAITH OF OUR COMMUNITY FATHERS by Lillie Neely Henry

So often when we think of faith, we limit our concept of it to the field of religion, especially to our faith in God. But the Christian concept of religion embodies a faith in our fellowman also, and a faith in our land, in our country and in our selves. These characteristics were of necessity found in the early settlers in our community. They came to this new country from older, more settled states, bringing with them their ideals, their customs and their dreams.

The early settlers of Tallahatchie County, coming here from Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, found a wilderness, with native Indians the only inhabitants. These pioneers were sons and daughters of our forefathers who landed with the pilgrims, coming principally from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, escaping from religious persecution in those countries, preferring to endure the hardships and privations of an unknown wilderness, than live under the rigid laws and burdensome taxes in the old country. Some, of course, came for the adventure. Their descendants, founders of our community, were possessed of the same desire — to hew out new homes for themselves in the wilderness — in a free land. In order to get a true picture of the "Faith of our Community Fathers" it is necessary that we give a brief history of our county, showing how their battle with the wilderness, the wild beats, privation and hardship paid off in the present day prosperous businesses and pleasant homes of our communities.

Tallahatchie, a Choctaw Indian name, meaning "Rock of Waters", was given by the Indians to the river that rises in Tippah County and flows 301 miles Southwest and joined by the Coldwater, the Yalobusha and the Greenwood rivers, forms the Yazoo. The name was given to this river long before the white man settled Mississippi. The country was created by an act of the Legislature of 1833, which divided the land acquired by the treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek of 1830.

Col. James Bailey, Capt. Samuel Carothers and Capt. Charles Bowen were among early settlers who came into this section with their families and slaves in 1832 and settled on Tillatoba Creek. They found Samuel Foster here. He had married an Indian woman and located on lands at the base of the hills about 9 miles below where Charleston now stands (From Capt. Eskridge's history of Talla. County). Other early settlers were the Carsons and the Houstons who came from Abbeville District, S. C. in 1834 by caravan. They bought land from two and one half to six miles East of Charleston, in the dense woods. They cut the road as they pushed out in different directions.

The woods were full of various kinds of wild fruit, flowers and game; bear, deer and turkeys, besides the present day game.

Springs were the main guides in selecting homes. Two of the Carsons built theirs on high ground about three hundred yards from S. Tillatoba Creek. This home was burned later, but stood on the S. side of Highway 32 just 3 miles East of Charleston and was known for years as Rocky Branch Plantation. It is now called Pine Crest Farm, once noted as the home of the world's champion Duroc Jersey Boar, "Scissors" valued at \$75,000.



The community, Mt. Carmel, Abbeville County, S. Carolina, from which the Carsons, Houstons and several other families came, was a Scotch Irish Presbyterian settlement; their feith in God and in the new country inspired them to help in establishing what is known as the old Wellington Church, near Tatum Lake, named for the site. The old burying ground, with its crumbling stones, is all that remains of this church their South Carolina Church. This was one of the first churches, if not the first, in the new community. In 1866 this church was moved to Charleston and located where the Robert Baker home now stands. All denominations worshipped in it. Rev. E. B. Miller and Rev. Isom Melton held meetings in it.

Minutes of the Board of Police show that on March 10th and 11th, 1834 the Board met at "The Three Forks" of Tillatoba Creek and elected officers. This was near the present site of Charleston and was calld Old Tillatoba. Court was moved to Ascalmore in April 1834 and in May of the same year an order was passed employing persons to repair "Mrs. Sarah Doak's house" to be used as a courthouse. In December the first term of Circuit Court was held in this house. Judge David O. Shattuck presided. Among the jurors were: Joshua Jonas, Burrell Priddy, John Denley, James Rowland, Alex Laughlin, J. L. Calhoun, R. H. Houston, William Houston and William Johnson. Green B. Goodwin was Sheriff and John W. Phillips, clerk. The first courthouse was a log structure, 24 feet square, according to Capt. Eskridge's history, and covered with rough 3 foot boards. It was built by Kinchen Mayo for the sum of \$88.13. A jail also was built of logs. In 1842 a brick jail was built by James Steele, (ancestor of Mrs. Emma Ammons and Mrs. Donald Whitten) and Cullen McMullen.

In 1844 a brick courthouse was erected at a cost of \$2500.00. The site of this courthouse was laid out by a special Act of the Legislature of 1838, which recited "a building located on 80 acres of land in NE¼ of Section 26, set aside for a Hall of Justice". This 80 acres, once the property of Greenwood LeFlore, Chief of the Choctaws, comprises the present city of Charleston.

The only landmark left of the Old Town of Tillatoba, 2 miles northwest of Charleston, is an old cemetery. It marks the first real settlement in Tallahatchie County. The old courthouse, mentioned as having been built in 1844, was reconstructed in 1900, the old material being used in the construction of the new building which was enlarged. At one of the portals where granite and marble has been placed, is one piece of rare black marble which was hauled to the site from some unknown spot in pioneer days. The cornerstone on NE corner recites names of County officials.

Old Tillatoba, mentioned above, was later owned by Mrs. P. H. Thornton, whose home is now the present residence of Mayor Charles Hendrix. It is said that a number of years ago a negro tenant, while plowing, turned up a jug about one foot tall, thought to have been buried by the Choctaws prior to the white man's invasion of this territory. Mrs. Thornton has possession of the jug.

Locopolis, another settlement of early days, was located on Tallahatchie River, ten miles from the present city of Charleston. Is was then a nice little river town, with hotel, several stores and a number of dwellings. Boats from New Orleans came up the Mississippi River into the Tallahatchie and landed at this settlement. Nothing remains of the town. A marker presented by the State has been placed at the site, on Highway 32.

In Marsh Beat, or Beat One, named for Colonel Marsh (one of the first settlers), there were several early settlements, some as early as 1834. One called Knight's Ferry or Pharsalia, was located about six miles Northwest of the present



village of Enid. It was a small town and voting precinct. Another was Boothe, now Teasdale, founded and named for Mr. W. H. Boothe. It, too, was a voting precinct, located about eight miles from Charleston. About six miles west of Boothe was a settlement called Mitchell's Crossroads, founded about 1850 by Mr. Wm. Washington Mitchell, and deriving its name from the store Mr. Mitchell had built. The store was in the forks of two roads, one running from Charleston to Batesville, intersected by one running East and West from Mississippi to Helena, Ark. This road formed the boundary line between Tallahatchie and Panola Counties.

The Charleston Turnpike, a toll road and chartered under an Act of the Legislature, ran from Charleston to Tallahatchie River, along the route now traversed by what it known as the Beat Line Road.

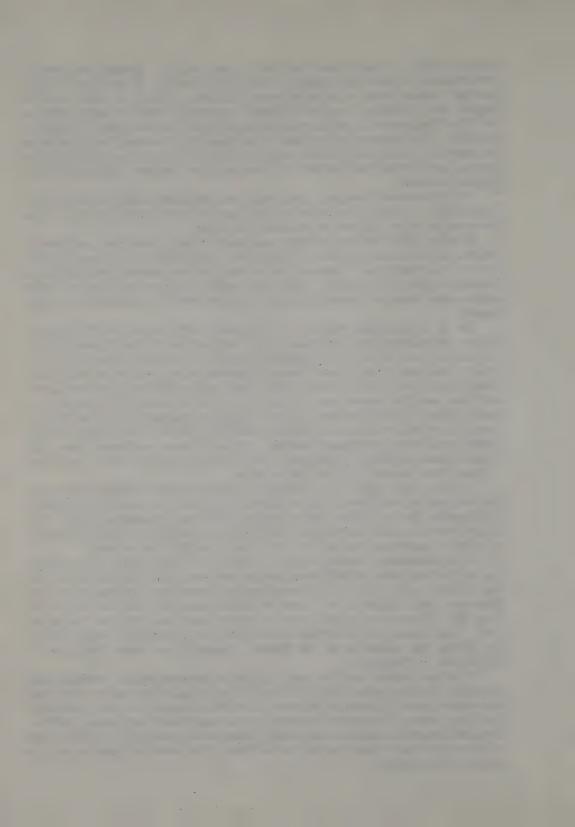
In about 1851 the first railroad was built through Beat One and shortly afterwards Enid was built as a RR Station, then known as Harrison Station. Prior to this there was a station 2 miles south of the present Enid, known as Taliaferro Crossing. Gen E. L. Taliaterro owned this place and his old home, once a show place, still marks the site. It is now owned and occupied by Hardy Benson.

Mr. H. A. Furgeson and Mr. J. B. Sumner, both pioneers of Tallahatchie County, immigrated from Alabama in 1871 and settled in the Western part of the county, now known as the Second District. At that time this part of the county was overrun with deer, bears, alligators, wolves and other wild game When these two families arrived, the nearest post office was Charleston, and mail was sent for once a week, being transferred to Sumner by horseback in summer and by boat in winter. Later the mail was brought as far as Graball a voting precinct, which was a plantation owned by Mr. N. J. McMullen, who had settled prior to Mr. Furgeson's coming. This settlement was located near what is now known as Sharkey Plantation. From Graball the post office was moved to Hood, later named Webb for Judge Webb.

In 1891 a post office was established at Sumner and in 1902 the county was divided, and a courthouse built at Sumner, housing the records of lands in Tallahatchie West of a line almost parallel with the Tallahatchie River. This is the Second Judicial District, and comprises the most fertile lands in the county. In 1908 the courthouse burned, and the present building was erected.

My grandmother, who lived to be 84 and died in 1924, told of an incident during the high water of 1882 when most of the travel from Charleston to Webb and Sumner was by boat. Two young men of Charleston—Jas. Bailey and Jas. Roberson—left Charleston in a boat for Webb, sometime near the end of the year 1881. They never arrived and were never heard from until in late March, 1882. Their bones were found and identified by the watches they were wearing. Mr. Bailey lies buried in the old Masonic Cemetery, one block North of the Courthouse, in Charleston.

It is thus evident that the early settlers of our community endured many hardships and heartaches, but their hardships and privations made them more determined to build a community where their children could have the advantages that they lacked. Instead of becoming discouraged their faith shone brighter. They helped and encouraged each other. They had no banks, but they had faith in each other and a man's word was his bond. One need not sign an oath as pledge to his neighbor.



CHAPTER II

OLD FAMILIES

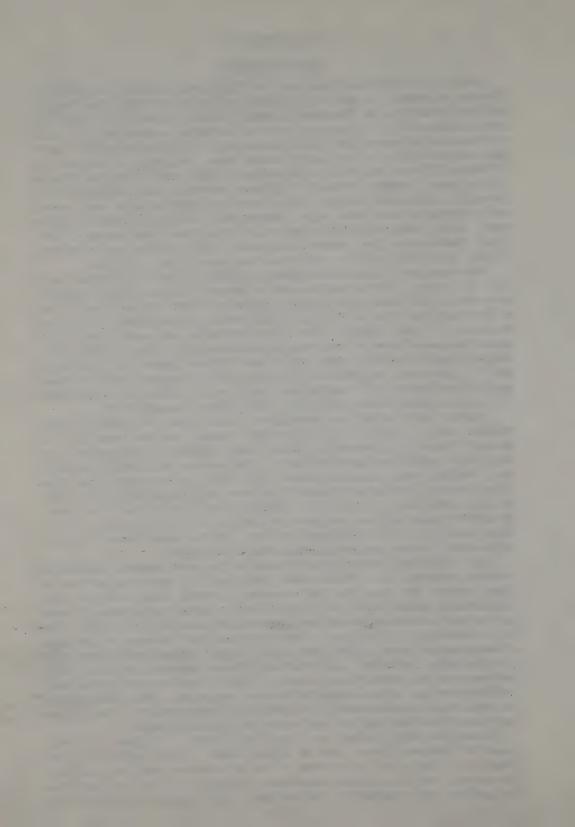
One of the early newspapers was the "Tallahatchie Herald," published by Eskridge and Oakes. In Capt. W. S. Eskridge's "History of Tallahatchie County" published serially in the Tallahatchie Herald in 1904 and 1905, he tells of the early settlement of the county and gives an interesting account of a ball held in Charleston in January 1856. He mentions many Charlestonians whose descendants are now living in this County, among them: Dr. James C. Calhoun, son of Thomas Calhoun who came to Charleston in 1837 from S. Carolina. Thomas Calhoun was a nephew of John C. Calhoun, statesman and contemporary of Henry Clay and Daniel Webster, whose names are well known to every school child who has sat in a history class. Among the 7 children of Thomas Calhoun were: Henry, who married Miss Betty Lee. They were grandparents of Mrs. Bessie Hawkins and Mrs. Corinne Thompson. Henry Calhoun was a member of Capt. Eskridge's squadron during the four years of the Civil War.

Also mentioned were Mollie Houston, daughter of James A. Houston, sister of P. H. Houston. She became the wife of James H. Rayburn; Betty Laughlin, who married Sid Alvis, Sally Riddick, daughter of Robert Riddick, Circuit Clerk of the county, and sister of Mrs. Hiram Summers, Sr., grandmother of our Hiram Summers, III; Lizzie Marshall, Mrs. Nannie Trewolla, just recently married to Henry Lafayette Trewolla (they were grandparents of Mrs. Jane Carlisle), Mrs. Johnston Buntin and Mrs. Blount Craig; also William Quarles, Sr., John Bailey and E. E. Armstrong, merchants of Charleston; Jas. H. Rayburn, James A. Dogan and brother Hunter; W. B. Marshall and twin brother, Charles; W. B. was father of Miss Mary Marshall and grandfather of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Fedric.

Another early settler was Hambledon Dogan, native of Hanover County, Virginia, who, as stated in Capt. Eskridge's history, saw the burning of the Bowery Theatre in Richmond in which several hundred people perished and many more would have had it not been for the coolness and strength shown by Gen. Winfield Scott, who was present. Mr. Dogan, who married Miss Susan Alford, sister of Hudson and James Alford, came to Mississippi in 1833 or 1834, bringing with him the salves of Mr. Richard Leigh. He settled near Scobey. He and Mr. Leigh had been neighbors in Virginia. A year or so later, after Mr. Leigh's death he moved to Tallahatchie County. He was one of the early Sheriffs of the county, and so was James Alford, his wife's brother.

Capt. Eskridge's history tells in detail of the early customs, educational facilities, churches, etc. Neither time nor space will permit us to mention those details. We know that our community fathers, along with the other right-thinking people of that era, believed in free, tax supported schools, knowing that only an educated people could preserve government by the people. Due to the foundation laid by them — their faith and their courage, we now have a modern school system. They knew that the public school touches more lives than any other institution. All Americans do not belong to the same church and many do not belong to any church. They are not members of the same political party and do not engage in the same occupations. Their ancestors did not come from the same country, yet the public school serves all. The children learn about their heritage and their duties and rights as citizens.

Among the early teachers were Rev. Joel D. Rice, J. D. Choate, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Napoleon Turner, and Mr. Tipton Smith. These taught in the Old Masonic Hall that stood in the center of the old cemetery mentioned earlier in this article. Mrs. Sue Houston (grandmother of Mrs. C. E. Fox, Jr.) stated that she got her early education in this building. Mrs. Houston will celebrate her



90th birthday in October. In 1890 while Rev. Rice was teaching in Charleston, he wrote "Charleston in Verse". He also wrote "Charleston School in Rhyme" and later "A Sermon in Rhyme" covering the entire Bible—both old and new testaments. We are indebted to Mr. Radford Murphree for the loan of a copy of the Tallahatchie Herald of Sept. 1915, which carried the latter, and to Chancry Clerk Frances Rice for a copy of "Charleston in Verse".

OLD CHURCHES

There is no record of when the Baptist Church was organized, but it is known that a revival meeting was held as early as 1866 by Rev. Lewis Ball. Among the members were: Greek P. Rice (great grandfather of our present Ned R. Rice), W. W. Sheley (grandfather of Postmaster Riley Sheley), Dr. James Rhew, Charles C. Cossar and John T. Neely (father of Benton Neely, Mrs. Vira Rice, Mrs. Morris Bardwell, Mrs. L. G. N. Dunklin, and Mrs. Lillie Henry).

There was no church house in Charleston at this time, but as mentioned above, Old Wellington Presbyterian Church was moved to Charleston in 1866, and was used by all denominations as a place of worship. As a little girl I can remember going to "Union Sunday School" there. Rev. Isom Melton is known to have held regular services in 1881-82 and 83. Among the couples united in marriage by Rev. Melton were John T. Neely and Miss Lillie E. Barns. may parents, in January 1883.

There is no available record as to when the Methodist Church was organized, but in 1870 Rev. W. J. O'Bryant was appointed pastor of the Charleston Circuit. He was a man of religious fervor and labored well in the cause of the Master. He was pastor two or three years. Rev. D. F. Phillips, a school teacher, followed him. Both the above named pastors lived in rented houses and the salary they received was meager, perhaps amounting to not more than \$200.00 per year. There was no parsonage and the old church house stood a little Northeast of where the Methodist Church now stands and was a dilapidated, uninviting, unpainted building (this was written many years ago, information furnished by Mrs. Daisy Harrison).

Rev. T. G. Freeman, a man without early advantages, having little knowledge of books, but one of the most successful men who had been on this circuit, bought a lot West of the Square and built the best Church that had ever been in Charleston up to that time. It stood where the present duplex residence stands, across the street, West, from Breedlove Lumber Company. He also bought a lot and built a small house which served as a parsonage, and left all without debt. Then came Rev. W. W. Williams, who was irritable and often rash in his statements, but he constructed the church building now occupied by all denominations in Enid. Rev. J. T. Lewis came next. (This information by Mrs. Daisy Harrison). Later the new church was built across the street North from where the present imposing brick structure stands.

Ashland Baptist Church of Cascilla was another early church. It is now called Cascilla Church. Early members and founders were Henry Harris, John M. Harris, D. Goodwin, Mike Hey, Sr., J. D. Rice, Dave Ross, Alex Ross, Harmon and Sam Bloodworth, Jack Brown, George Whitten and Mrs. Ellett (known as "Danny" by her grandchildren, among whom is Mrs. Hamp Dogan).

Dogwood Flat Church, originally a log church on the hill above Paynes, was replaced by a frame building. Early members were R. J. Fedric, Dave Fedric, Dick Denman, Dan Denman, Sam, Henry and Ike Fedric, Roland Mur-



phree, and Dr. Nick Meriwether, father of the late Walter Scott Meriwether, who left New York after 30 years on city newspapers and bought the Mississippi Sun and published it for 25 years. An early preacher was Henry Taylor.

Other churches in that section of the county were Corinth (at Murphreesboro) and New Hope, which is even an older church than Corinth. It was established by the Harpers, Thomases and Coxes. An early preacher was Rev. Morrison. (This information from Mr. Radford Murphree).

Besides preaching in Charleston for the Baptists Rev. J. D. Rice held services at Spring Hill, which was a flourishing community at that time (1893). He was greatly beloved by all, an eloquent speaker, consecrated Christian, and a man of great influence among his pastorates.

These are some of our early churches. We are proud of our present day buildings which are modern and convenient in every detail.

OLD TIMES

A centennial held in Charleston July 6, 1933, brought many former Charlestonians back home. In the Mississippi Sun of that date, published by the late Walter S. Meriwether, is a letter from the late R. L. Peters, Jr., father of our R. L. Peters. He gives an interesting sketch of his father, Mr. Rouse Peters. who was for many years President of the Board of Supervisors of the county. He said his father was born near Atlanta, Ga. in 1843 and moved with his parents to Arkansas, in 1858 and to Mississippi in 1860, and located 10 miles North of Charleston in what was called "Marsh Beat". Mr. Peters fought in the Civil War and was wounded several times. He married Miss Charlie Ann Bachman, a Dutch brunette" in 1867 at Winona and came to Charleston by way of Carrollton and Tuscahoma (now Holcomb). They camped in Charleston which had at that time only one general store, and saloon combined, with post office in the back. He and his brother made a corn crop the next year, 1868, but most of it was destroyed by bears. He built a split log cabin and in time they accumulated quite a bit of land. He was the father of 16 children, 7 of whom survived him. His wife lived to be in her late 80's. They endured many hardships but their faith and courage never wavered. In time the split log cabin was replaced by a comfortable plank house. Mr. Rad Murphree now in his 80's tells of coming to Charleston as a young man of 21 and living with Capt. Eskridge and Mrs. Eskridge and studying law in Capt. Eskridge's law office. That was in 1898. Capt. Eskridge was a member of the Constitutional Convention that wrote the Mississippi Constitution of 1890. According to Mr. Murphree he owned at one time the plantation known as "Killicrankie", later the property of I. F. Sayle, father of Frank Sayle.

Among the early lawyers were: W. B. Marshall, Capt. Eskridge, Shadrach Barnes (who died in 1872), John and Spencer Bailey.

Early doctors were: Dr. C. J. Meriwether, uncle of the late Walter Scott Meriwether, Dr. James P. Rhew, Dr. Brown and Dr. Antheral Ball, ancestor of Mrs. Florence Burnett.



CHAPTER III

COUNTY OFFICERS — 1834

In Police Court Record Book A and Record Book B filed in the Chancery Court Clerk's office, will be found recorded much of the first history of this county, and the business transacted for and in said county. These old records prove most interesting reading for one who ponders on the past. On file there are also many old copies of the county newspaper beginning with issues back to 1888. We are listing for you the first officers of the county.

On the 10th and 11th days of March, 1834, the Board of Police met at the Three Forks of Tillatoba, Tallahatchie County, Miss., and was qualified into office by Commissioner I. Tyson. Duly qualified and sworn in as officers were:

CLERK OF POLICE AND PROBATE COURT: B. B. Willison — SHERIFF: Green B. Goodwin — TAX ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR: William Sutton — CORONER: William Berry — RANGER: H. C. Davis — TREASURER: W. H. Wilkins.

Later four beats were formed and for each beat a Captain, Lieutenant, Ensign, two Magistrates, and one Constable were duly elected from each beat.

Much of the old has been retained in the way our county government is regulated, and yet much has been either added or changed. Below are listed the present officers of the county, and our county rpresentatives to both state and federal convenes.

County Officers — 1960—1964

SHERIFF: Ellett R. Dogan — TAX ASSESSOR: Claude M. Lane — CIRCUIT CLERK: Tom E. Harris — CHANCERY CLERK: Mrs. Frances Rice — SUPT. OF EDUCATION: W. L. Brewer — COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY: Albert Donald Whitten — RANGER & CORONER: Dan L. Fedric — DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Roy E. Johnson — DISTRICT JUDGES: (Circuit) Curtis M. Swango, Jr. . . . (Chancery) R. E. Jackson.

BEAT 1 — SUPERVISOR: J. C. McCachren — JUSTICE OF PEACE: J. H. Criswell, A. B. Dees — CONSTABLE: R. P. Newman — BOARD OF EDUCATION: John W. Sherman.

BEAT 2 — SUPERVISOR: Julius M. Roberson — JUSTICE OF THE PEACE: L. O. Blaylock, Dewey Raney — CONSTABLE: Talmadge Davis — BOARD OF EDUCATION: McElrie Mitchell

BEAT 3 — SUPERVISOR: A. L. Pressgrove — JUSTICE OF PEACE: B. W. Larkin, Chas. E. Woods — CONSTABLE: Chas. Kendall — BOARD OF EDUCATION: Claude Whitten

BEAT 4 — SUPERVISOR: Lee R. Allison — JUSTICE OF PEACE: Jim T. Dickson, John B. Ray — CONSTABLE: Billy Murphey — BOARD OF EDUCATION: Eugene Fedric

BEAT 5 — SUPERVISOR: F. A. Jackson — JUSTICE OF PEACE: Ralph Lindsey, Doss A. Shook — CONSTABLE: Henry Minor — BOARD OF EDUCATION: Dr. Lacey Biles

STATE SENATOR FROM THIS COUNTY: M. E. Boyles — STATE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THIS COUNTY: George P. Cossar — U. S. REPRESENTATIVE FROM THIS DISTRICT: Jamie L. Whitten



CHAPTER IV

Tallahatchie County has had soldiers to serve in every war since its creation. Its sons were in the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish American War and the two World Wars. The period of Reconstruction in Tallahatchie County, following the Civil War, or war between the States would thrill one with admiration for the deeds of valor and the sacrifices of its citizenship during those trying days. This is indeed when their faith and courage was put to a severe test. Its sons returning from the war found their homes destroyed their wealth gone and all in confusion. From the end of the war until the year 1875 its county government was in the hands of the carpetbaggers, its affairs were mishandled, its funds dissipated, and the lands of many were sold for taxes. Yet in the glorious year of 1875 came redemption and relief. James A. Dogan was the first democratic sheriff with an earnest desire to serve and to save. From the confusion and misrule these men of Tallahatchie recreated the county's government, re-established its affairs and built anew the county. They labored under circumstances more adverse than we in the so-called depression of 1932-33 can imagine. Yet, through their toil, their sacrifice and endurance, and above all-their faith in God; and in the land and in each other we now enjoy the blessings of civilization.

OATH TO THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

State of Mississippi Tallahatchie County

We solemnly swear that we will support the Constitution of the Confederate States of America and the Constitution of the State of Mississippi so long as we continue citizens thereof and that we will faithfully discharge to the best of our abilities the duties of the office of members of the Board of Police of said County according to law. So help us God.

James M. Duncan W. D. Roane Wm. R. Boothe E. B. Robinson

1861 VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

TALLAHATCHIE RIFLES

W. H. Fitzgerald	T. J. N. Bloodworth	S. J. Mathews
T. W. Boisclair	S. W. Bloodworth	P. B. McDaniel, Jr.
J. H. Rayburn	Wm. Bean	J. G. McCarroll
E. E. Armstrong	J. Q. Kreignor	J. J. Lee
John Able	J. D. Kerr	W. R. Neill
Wm. Able	T. P. Lamkin	L. G. Polk
R. F. Benton	B. M. Laughlin	G. Brewer
T. H. Benton	A. J. Means	J. B. Boothe
H. S. Boisclair	Lee May	R. J. H. Bogan
W. J. Burgess	T. D. Madkins	R. Bowman
D. J. Burgess	Dan McCarty	E. S. Bodrey



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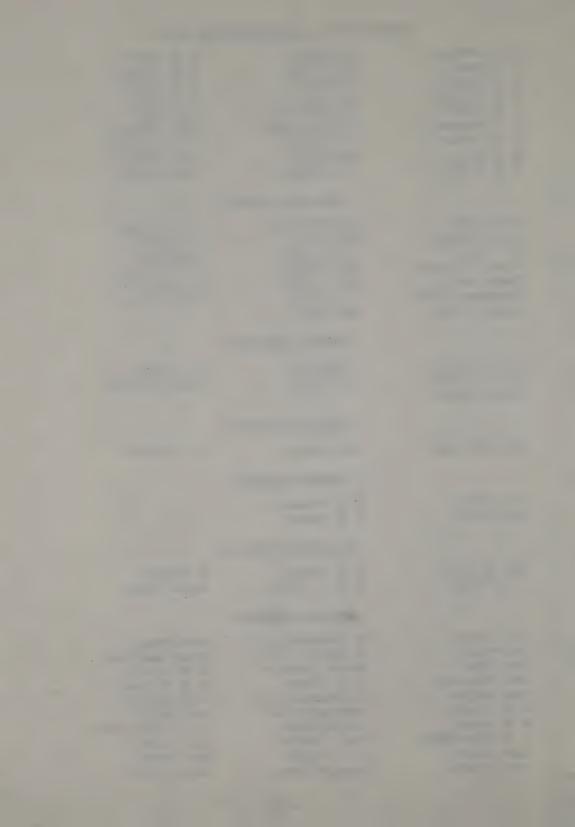
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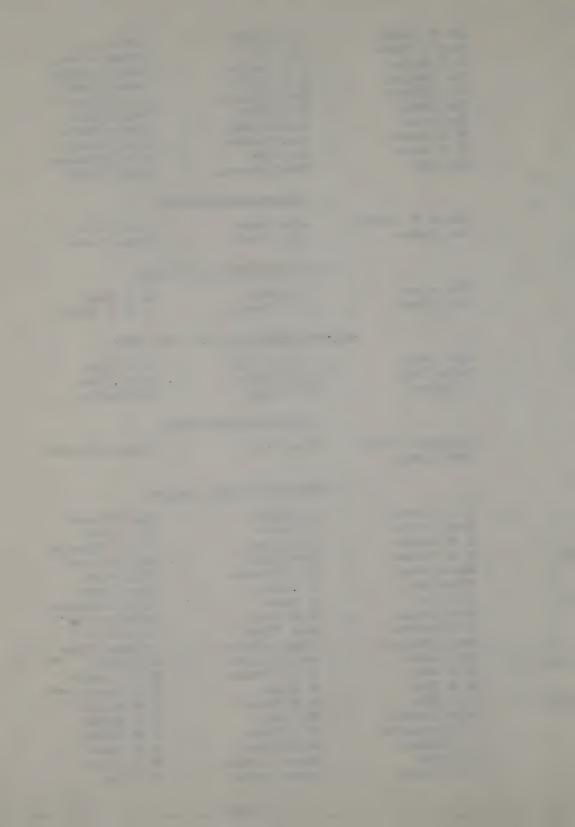
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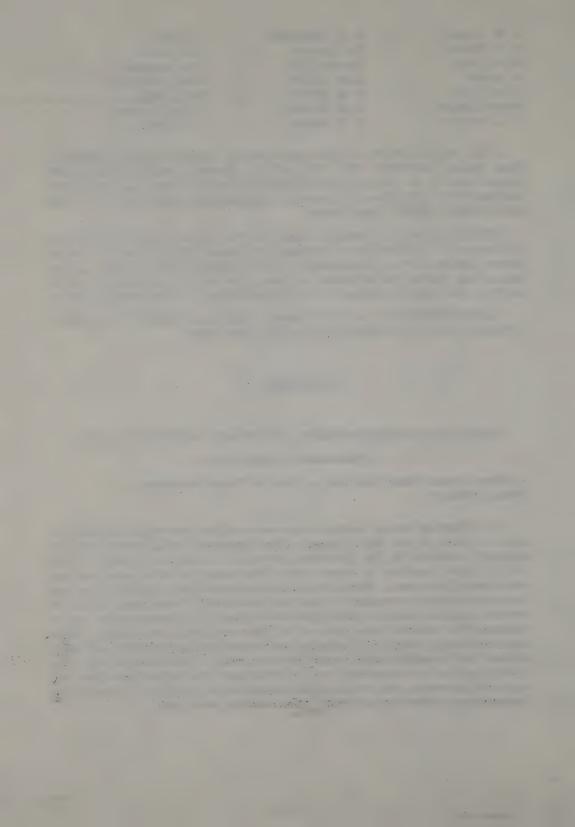
CHAPTER V

THE TALLAHATCHIE HERALD, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1915

- Charleston 25 Years Ago -

— Many Changes Since That Time — Familiar Faces Have Gone — (Note by Editor)

The following lines of poetical rhyme were written twenty-five years ago by Rev. J. D. Rice, at that time principal of the Charleston Public School, and subsequently published in the Charleston News and Democratic Herald. It was not Mr. Rice's intention to attempt poetry, but simply to while away the time and interest his friends. They loved and appreciated him, and anything he had to say was highly interesting to them, and particularly these lines, as may be attested to in the number of copies that may be found in old scrap books, scattered among the families living here at that time and their descendants. There have been many changes in Charleston since these lines were written, and many persons then prominent have crossed over the river to the Great Beyond. But few of the older ones mentiond then are living now. We believe these lines will again be interesting, and we are under obligations to Mrs. Ida M. Marshall for her courtesy in allowing us to copy them from her scrap book.



- CHARLESTON IN VERSE -

One half mile from South Creek bridge, Brings you on top of a level ridge, Where stands a house that's made of plank, And owned by a farmer — Sheley, Frank.

Fanther on you will pass a Mill That's run by Frank's big brother, Bill These men are Baptists, honest, true; And pay their bills whenever due.

Next comes the house of Robert Barnes, Who loves to laugh at whole-cloth yarns; He's agent for a good corn-sheller, And you can't buy from a better fellow.

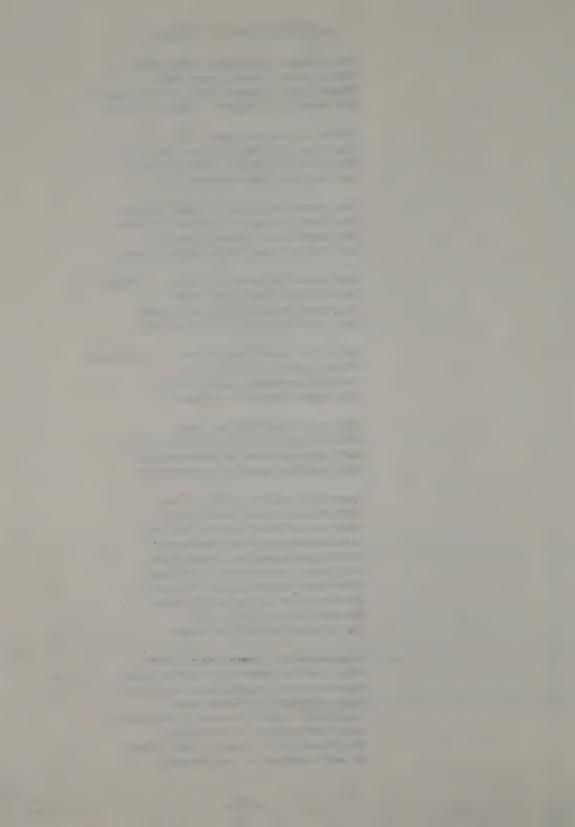
Next comes the home of Cicero, — (Neely) Who's Fonda deputy, you know; An honest man with a pleasant smile, And does his work in first class style.

Across the street lives Widow P. — (Pattison) Whom needy men go oft to see; For she's got money, and will lend, The hungry farmers to befriend.

The next is Saunders' big hotel, Where hungry folks are fed quite well; He'll take good care of horse or mule, And treat his guest by the golden rule.

Across the square is another Inn, Kept by a man who needs the tin, This man, a Rebel, with but one leg, And another piece on a wooden peg, But he gets around at a rapid pace And looks a man square in the face. John Neely has one foot — that's all But then they say he is very game. Saunders has no feet at all, But he gets there, all the same.

Next comes the store of A. L. Crow Who likes his goods and wares to show; And he keeps a stock of hose and laces And mattresses and burial cases. His clerks — Abel Crow and Clinton Fort, Love solid business or rare sport, They'll talk to you when at their leisure, Or wait upon you at your pleasure.



Across the street is Harvey's store, Who welcomes all within his door. He'll sell you shoes or hats or boots, Oysters, Salmon or canned fruits; Bacon, sugar, rice or flour; Candies sweet, or lemons sour.

Next comes Billy Roberson's saloon, And if a man is quite jejune, He can buy here nice canvas hams, With pickles, crackers, jellies, jams, And when his trading he has done,

Go on down to A. Pattison,
Where he can get tablets and books,
Or shot and powder and fish hooks,
Nails and plows and suits of jeans,
To please a man of moderate means.

Then pass on down to Rowland, Thad, Who seems to me to feel quite sad; A quilting machine, Friend Thad did buy; And to sell it he did try, But all gave him the shoulder, cold, So not a ONE yet has he sold.

Next cross the street to Napoleon Turner, Where you can buy a lamp and burner; Straw hats and ribbons, cheap as dirt, And hickory stripes to make your shirt.

Then go on East to Neely's store, And walk right in the open door. Here you'll find soap, salt and starch, And suits for August and for March. But don't be in too great a hurry, Or you'll pass the Drug man, Murray.

Then out and on, with might and main Until you come to Mr. Swain, He'll treat you kindly, talks but little, And sell you either dish or kettle.

But Ah! you've passed the printer — Vause, And Bellamy — the big fat boss. Two nicer men are hard to find And who can't see this indeed is blind.

Another Druggist — Dr. Wright Whose parrot always is in sight. He fills prescriptions, sells coal oil, And pulls the teeth of men of toil;



He sells quinine and sweet cologne, And liniments to rub the bone.

Next comes a vacant house, I think,
Where lager beer was kept to drink,
Two jolly men as you have seen,
But sold their goods behind a screen,
Al Byrd, I think, the name of one,
The other Harris, Solomon.

Next stop a while, if you are gaunt, At Z. S. Roane's restaurant; He'll sell you candies, cakes and pies, And sauer kraut that's free from flies.

Now turn South and come with me,
Over to the magnolia tree,
And here you will find the home of one,
Who for his country fought with gun.
A clever, social, temperate man
And known by all, McCarty, Dan.

His neighbor, Summers — Hiram A. A man of years, and somewhat gray. He owns a farm and one drug store, And half a dozen chaps, or more.

Now to Rutland's — Kind Eugene — Who never idling can be seen;
He rises early and works as late
As any man in our state.

E. H. Hager keeps the pail.

His character none dare assail,

Machinist, blacksmith, first-class is he;

Honest and industrious seems to be.

The new frame house then on the street, Where Bagwell lives in snug retreat, Of things to sell he has a variety; He keeps cigars, snuff and sardines, And tries to live within his means.

Then on we go and the street we cross And reach the home of Esquire Vause. Vause is the mayor of our town.

All law-breaking he will put down.

He is a jeweler by trade,

And many a dollar he has made

By tinkering with the wheels of time.



Then to the home of Lawyer Marshall Who, in his acts, seems quite impartial. I've known friend M. since fifty-one, And know the South's no truer son. He battled in the foremost ranks, With scanty pay and scantier thanks; But then he feels this truth impressed; He did his duty with the rest.

Close by we come to Laughlin, A.
Who has a farm, some away.
He leaves his home in dewy morn,
To run his mill and grind his corn.
His road oft leads through mountain scenes
Where robbers oft procure their means.

Charles Cossar lives not far away, With his mother and cousin, gay. Charles is a workman, building well; At least, that's what his neighbors tell.

Next, Fisackerly, who sells machines, For making quilts by girls, in teens. He is an honest soul.

As you will find from pole to pole.

Now, run across the field a piece, Where Dr. Pittman lives in ease; He tends his patients, works his farm, And does no mortal any harm.

The next man, as west you go, Is genial, whole-souled Dr. Crow. He's small in stature, large in brains, And is death on fever, spasms, pains. A penniless lad was he, The first time Charleston he did see; But with a will he went to work, And never would his duty shirk.

Dr. Matthews lives here, too,
With his young wife (you know) Miss Sue,
He's young and active, wide-awake,
He seems intent, a man to make,
You'll always find him at his post,
And not afraid of man or ghost.

Due South we go to Clarence Manley, More dear to us than Pasha Stanley. Industrious, moral, truthful, kind. Of moderate means but noble mind. He nails and saws, and builds and paints, And never sulls nor makes complaints.



Next we come to a brick dwelling. The home of Crow, who lives by selling. Six little Crows, a handsome wife, So Asa takes new lease on life.

Still West we come, to Bailey, Spence,
A man of learning and of sense;
He pleads at law, and farms erstwhile,
His leisure hours to beguile.
I've known this man for forty years,
A period fraught with many cares;
I've seen his dark hair turn to gray,
The flush of early manhood fade away;
I've seen him 'mid war's stirring hate,
And in the time of great debate;
I've seen him flushed with wealth's great power;
I've seen affliction around him shower;
But like the towering tree he stands,
While governments are changing hands.

Mr. Bailey has a son,
Young and sprightly, and named John.
John is a lawyer, loves his clients,
And would join in some alliance
With some handsome, lovely maiden,
Could she be won by earnest pleading.

Then John's cousin, Henry Thornton,
With the prettiest babe this side of Staunton.
Henry, tired of merchandising,
Thought he needed exercising.

Then Willie Quarles and Lady Leigh,
Who always happy, seem to be;
In Harvey's store Quarles may be found,
Keeping books the whole year round.

James McCorkle, ex-Superintendent
Energetic, independent,
In speech and bearing, quite impressive
And in teaching plans progressive.

Next is Harvey's, cross the street, sir, Whom I know you'll gladly greet, sir. Three little children, a lovely wife, I'm sure he leads a pleasant life.

Still on and on, and here we are
At Noah Shook's, who kept the bear;
His life chock full of work has been
To feed and clothe his children ten.



Yet on we go, and now we come To W. H. Roberson's nice home; A pleasant wife, an only boy, A father's pride, the mother's joy.

Then with Mrs. Burns and Bill McCain, We'll stop a while, some rest to gain. Bill's a farmer; Shade's a mail-rider, And both are fond of apple cider.

Now across the street we run, And call on Mrs. Pattison, A courteous woman, full of life, I know she makes a model wife.

Next across the field to old Man Saunders, Who has many geese and ganders; He lives quite close to Tillatoba Creek, And is quite old and growing weak. Now, if you don't get tired and sullen,

We'll stop a while with Bill McMullen, He makes his living by shoving planes And making sash for window panes.

Now, if you are not afraid of dark We'll stop a while with Mr. Clark. He married old man man Vause's daughter, And if he don't get rich he "oughter".

Now, just to prove we are no hoax, We'll run a race to Mr. Polk's. He is the Circuit Clerk in town, And has two daughters now, most grown. "Tobe" was a rebel and wore the gray, And carries the battle scars today.

Then our pastors, numbering three,
Who like their flocks at church to see.
Freeman runs the shouting crowd.
And Morrison whoops election loud;
But Rice, he steers the water crew,
And thinks the saints will make it through.

Then we have our urbane Jerry, With his wife and children merry; With the nicest house we've seen, With the Warden, Daniel Green.

Then Mayor Vause's son-in-law, Tom Clint Douglas, from Arkansas. He drives a team and gets up steam, And proves to me that life's no dream.



And now for the Editor of the News,
With his "bee-gum" hat and kangaroo shoes—
A noble son of a worthy sire,
A man of whom you'll never tire—
All honor to Matt, the boss of the News—
May his ship be freighted, and have a lucky cruise

Now to the courthouse, where they mystify law, There rule as nice men as one ever saw. First, Chancery Clerk Manley—A gentlemen he, Familiarly called by everyone "Thee" He is a bachelor now, but then I'm sure Some real nice lady could Manley secure.

Then our Treasurer, Bill, is ne'er seen to reel, He is rock-ribbed, iron-bound, and true as any Steele; He pays out money and takes up the bonds, And to every call of duty, most gladly responds.

Then Fonda, the Sheriff, he's kind and polite, And in all his dealings, square and upright. He is a safe custodian of the keys of power, And I hope his name among the great will tower.

Then our Marshall, Billy Byrum,
Tells the boys that he will hire 'em.

Ah! there's another, I like to have forgot—
It is my friend, Eskridge, the noble old Scot.
I lived in his home when I was a mere boy,
And thoughts of those happy days still give me joy;
But time, remorseless enemy of all the human race,
Hath plowed the deepening furrows adown my good friend's face.
The eyes have paled in brightness, the cheeks have lost their glow,
The hair is silvering over, once black as any crow;
But at his post of duty, my friend will e'er be found;
And the brainiest and wisest he often does confound.

And now, my patient readers, I hope you will forgive, If anything I've penned in this does any mortal grieve. I've only tried to have some fun—I've done the best I could. And now I hope some pleasant thoughts may in your minds arise About the happy home we'll have with Jesus in the skies.

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CHAPTER VI

HISTORY OF TALLAHATCHIE COUNTY SINCE ITS CREATION DEC. 23, 1833

This history of Tallahatchie County was compiled by, and delivered at the Old Home Week Exercises, held here July 4, 1933 by Miss Frances Fielder.

As this is the centennial year of the founding of Tallahatchie County, I will now give you a few facts concerning its early days.

The Choctaw Indians under the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek parted with title to the land which was called Tallahatchie County. When the county was created it included all the territory now included in it, as well as parts of the present counties of Grenada, Leflore, Quitman, Coahoma, Sunflower and Panola.

Tallahatchie County was created by an act of the Mississippi Legislature, December 23, 1833. The county was named for the Tallahatchie River, which Indians had named, and means Rock River.

Colonel James Bailey, Captain Samuel Carothers and Captain Charles Bowen came into this section with their families and slaves and settled on Tillatoba Creek in 1832. They found Samuel Foster living here then. He had married an Indian woman and had located on a selection of lands at the base of the hills about nine miles below where Charleston now stands.

The minutes of the Board of Police show that on March 10th and 11th, 1834, the Board of Police met at the three forks of Tillatoba Creek, Tallahatchie County, and elected officers. The court was moved to Ascalmore in April, 1834. In May of the same year, an order was entered employing persons to repair "Mrs. Sarah Doak's house" to be used as a courthouse and in December the first term of circuit court was held in that place.

At the December, 1835, meeting the county site was located at Dogwood Flat, but this order was set aside by the order entered at the March, 1836, meeting fixing the county site at Tillatoba, just north of where Charleston now is, which order was set aside at the May, 1837, term, because a good title to the lands at Tillatoba could not be given to the county for the courthouse square.

It was in 1838, that another site was chosen not far from the meandering flow of Tillatoba Creek down through the hills overlooking the great and then unexplored delta section of the county westward. This place was Charleston.

The first courthouse at Charleston was built of logs but in 1844 authority was granted for the building of a more substantial one. The old courthouse was reconstructed in 1900, the old material being used in the construction of the new building which was enlarged.

Among the early roads of the county were a road from Pharsalia on Yocona River to Tuscohoma on Yalobusha River near where Parson now is, and the Charleston Turnpike which was a toll road created and chartered under an act of the Legislature, and which ran from Charleston to Tallahatchie River and was along the route now traversed by what is known at the Beat Line Road.

The early railroads in the County were the Mississippi and Tennessee railroad, now the main line of the Illinois Central, running from Memphis to Grenada, the Georgia and Pacific, afterward the Southern in Mississippi, running from Itta Bena to Webb and the L. N. O. & T., afterwards the Y. & M. V. railroad, running from Greenwood to Clarksdale.

Tallahatchie County has had soldiers to serve in every war since its creation. Its sons were in the Mexican War, in the Civil War, in the Spanish American



War as well as in the World War.

The history of reconstruction after the Civil War in Tallahatchie County would thrill one with admiration for the deeds of valor and the sacrifices of its citizenship during those trying days.

Its sons returning from the war found their homes destroyed, their wealth gone, and all in confusion. From the end of the war until the year 1875 its county government was in the hands of the carpetbaggers, its affairs were mishandled, its funds dissipated, and the lands of many were sold for taxes. Yet in the glorious year of 1875 came redemption and relief. James A. Dogan was the first democratic sheriff with an earnest desire to serve and to save.

From the confusion and misrule these men of Tallahatchie recreated the county's government, re-established its affairs and built anew the county. They labored under circumstances more adverse than we, in this so-called depression, can imagine. Yet, through their toil, their sacrifice and endurance we now enjoy the blessings of civilization.

In the year 1902 by an act of the Legislature the county was divided into two judicial districts, the line running practically through the center of the county. In a hotly contested election Sumner was selected as the seat of the Second District. In this election there was a sharp contest between Webb and Sumner. Webb up to that time had been the leading town of that section.

For many years interest in education has been keen in the county. Tallahatchie Academy at Spring Hill, between Oakland and Charleston, Cascilla Academy at Cascilla, and the Charleston School were leaders in the field in the earlier days. Among the well remembered teachers of these schools were Professors Thornton, Morrison and Lambert.

This county has given several leaders who are now serving the world in this work. The President of Mississippi College, Dot M. Nelson, is a Tallahatchie County boy, so is Lucius L. Patterson, Dean of the School of Electricity at Miss. State College. Our own Halbert Harris, who is at the Iowa State College is an outstanding man in the field of education. We might name many others.

The sons of Tallahatchie County have served the state in high offices. Madison McAfee and Duncan L. Thompson were State Auditors; four circuit judges, a chancellor, several district attornies as well as many others may be added to the list. Greek L. Rice now serves as Attorney General. Indeed, Mississippi is proud of these illustrious men of our very own Tallahatchie!

by MISS FRANCES FIELDER



CHAPTER VII

LIST OF GRAVES IN OLD MASONIC CEMETERY, BLOCK 4, NORTH WARD CHARLESTON, MISSISSIPPI — FOUNDED AROUND 1850

(Extreme West side of graveyard, next to street)

Beloher (or Belcher) M. G. — b: June 3, 1832 — d: July 24, 1884

Byrum, W. W. - b: July 2, 1863 - d: Sept. 20, 1892

Johnson, Francis Marion — b: May 30, 1822 — d: March 12, 1883

Johnson, Rebecca Morriss — b: Feb. 9, 1829 — d: April 24, 1904

Pritchard, A. — d: Jan. 26, 1878, age 44 years ("Erected by his devoted wife, C. E. Pritchard")

Pritchard, George A. — son of A. and M. S. Pritchard, died July 1, 1869, age 1 yr., 2 mo.

Denman, Mary E. — d: Sept. 1, 1887 — age 54 years

Montgomery, John H. — b: Feb. 26, 1807 — d: July 7, 1869

Herron, M. N. — b: April 22, 1828 — d: Oct. 1, 1873

Saunders, John Summers — b: Dec. 25, 1801 — d: June 6, 1885

Pattison, Alex — son of A. and J. C. Pattison — b: May 18, 1889 — d: June 1, 1889 Thornton, Harry S. — son of P. H. and M. S. Thornton — b: —, d: — (illegible)

Buford, Lula Cunningham — wife of DeWitt D. Burford, — Nov. 4, 1863 — Oct. 28, 1933

Cunningham, John W. — b: July 29, 1852 — d: Sept. 6, 1874

Cunningham, Melvina P. - b: Mar. 7, 1832 - d: Nov. 29, 1907

Cunningham, Wiley W. — d: Dec. 25, 1872 (Verse)

May, Mary Ann — wife of S. D. May — b: Oct. 29, 1847 — d: Oct. 30, 1878

Bailey, James Spencer

Bailey, Sarah S. — wife of Col. Jas. S. Bailey, born in Knoxville, Tenn., Apr. 3, 1825 — died Feb. 27, 1869 — age 43 years — (Verse)

Bailey, James - b: in Miss., Apr. 18, 1860 - d: Mar. 31, 1882

Bailey, Spencer Bailey — b: Feb. 9, 1853 — d: Feb. 3, 1887

Bailey, Pryor Lea — b: in Miss., Mar. 24, 1848 — d: Mar. 4, 1883

Bailey, John — b: April 5, 1855 — d: April 4, 1925

Bailey, Isabelle - b: Aug. 24, 1859 - d: March 7, 1936

Robinson, Alfred — son of Jerry and Elizabeth Robinson — b: May 31, 1878 — d: Jan 14, 1884

Pattison, Alexander — b: in Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 29, 1821 — d: Charleston, Miss., Nov. 4, 1879

Pattison, Anna H. - b: June 19, 1832 - d: Feb. 21, 1917

Pattison, Jennie Caldwell — b: Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 10, 1873 — d: Charleston, June 26, 1874

Gibbs, Sallie P. — wife of W. P. Gibbs — b: Nov. 13, 1856 — d: Marion, Crittenden Co., Arkansas, Oct. 5, 1882

Brown, Dr. Anderson R. — b: Oct. 10, 1802 — d: Oct. 25, 1850

Brown, Emaline P. - b: Sept. 17, 1812 - d: Dec. 3, 1871

Polk, Annie Mary — daughter of M. W. and Bettie Polk — b: Mar. 18, 1876 — d: Oct. 15, 1878

Rhew, Dr. J. W. — b: Apr. 29, 1820 — d: Nov. 3, 1874

Rhew, Sarah Aphelia — wife of Dr. J. W. Rhew — d: Jan. 1888 — about 55 yrs. of age

Sutton, Annie Rhew — b: May 7, 1860 — d: Oct. 1, 1868 — "Too sweet, too pure for Mortal Sphere"



Rhew, Dr. James Page — "Sacred to the memory of my dear husband, Dr. James Page Rhew — b: Oct. 27, 1845 — d: April 17, 1881.

Turner, Thomas William — b: in Flint Hill, Rappahanock Co. Va., Nov. 16, 1836 — d: Dec. 11, 1889

Turner, Letitia E. L. — wife of T. W. Turner — b: Jan. 3, 1843 — d: Sept. 20, 1873 Turner, Napoleon — 1866—1925

Turner, Thomas Paul — son of Thomas W. and Lizzie Turner — b: Feb. 4, 1870 — d: Sept. 20, 1870

Metcalf, Josiah — d: Mar. 13, 1869 — aged about 40 years

Metcalf, Minerva — wife of J. Metcalf — b: Mar. 3, 1823 — d: Sept. 13, 1873

Metcalf, Napoleon T. — son of Josiah and Minerva Metcalf — b: June 18, 1842 — d: May 29, 1862

Trewalla, Nannie Russell — little daughter of H. L. and M. E. Trewalla — d: Oct. 26, 1870, aged 2 years, 7 mos., 6 days (this lot has 5 other graves)

Marshall, Charles C. — son of W. B. and Ida A. Marshall — b: Oct. 16, 1869 — d: Oct. 26, 1870

Manley, Capt. T. J. — d: Jan. 26, 1871 — aged (broken—not legible)

Ball, Dr. Antherall — 1811—1880

Merrin, Ann Lily — daughter of F. W. and M. E. Merrin — d: Feb. 18, 1867 — aged 2 yrs., 10 mo.

Smith, J. Tipton — d: June 19, 1866 — aged 32 yrs., 8 mos., 6 days — "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God"

Smith, Mary E. — wife of J. T. Smith — b: Nov. 12, 1841 — d: Dec. 21, 1886

Smith, Mary Ann — youngest daughter of J. Tipton and Bettie Smith — d: Mar. 22, 1866 — age 1 yr., 2 mos., 19 days

Smith, Betty — eldest daughter of J. Tipton and Bettie E. Smith — d: Oct. 6, 1866 — age 14 yrs., 1 mo., 16 days

Smith, Nancy D. — b: in Yalobusha Co., Miss. Jan. 22, 1803 — d: Jan. 22, 1873 Harvey, John —. — died Jan. 3, 1875 — aged 63 years

Harvey, Mary G. — his wife, died Oct. 1873 — aged 56 years (double stone)

Leigh — "In loving memory of Bessie, daughter of A. M. and A. G. Leigh, died Sept. 25, 1887—aged about 6 years — "Suffer little children to come unto me" etc.

Leigh, A. Macon — d: Sept. 23, 1882 — aged 37 years

Holhouser, Julia V. — wife of M. F. Holhouser — d: Apr. 2, 1867 — age 23 yrs., 3 mos., 2 days

Ross, Jasper Z. — d: May 7, 1867 (b: 1837—marker broken, part illegible)

Polk, L. G. — b: April 16, 1845 — d: Sept. 28, 1891 — "Two good for earth, God called him Home"

Polk, Malissa — wife of L. G. Polk — b: Feb. 25, 1852 — d: Dec. 19, 1906

Lavender, Jennie Smith — daughter of H. E. and N. E. Lavender — b: May 11, 1870 — d: Apr. 19, 1886

Walton ,John Wilkes Booth — son of T. P. and L. E. Walton — b: Oct. 27, 1865 — d: Sept. 7, 1869

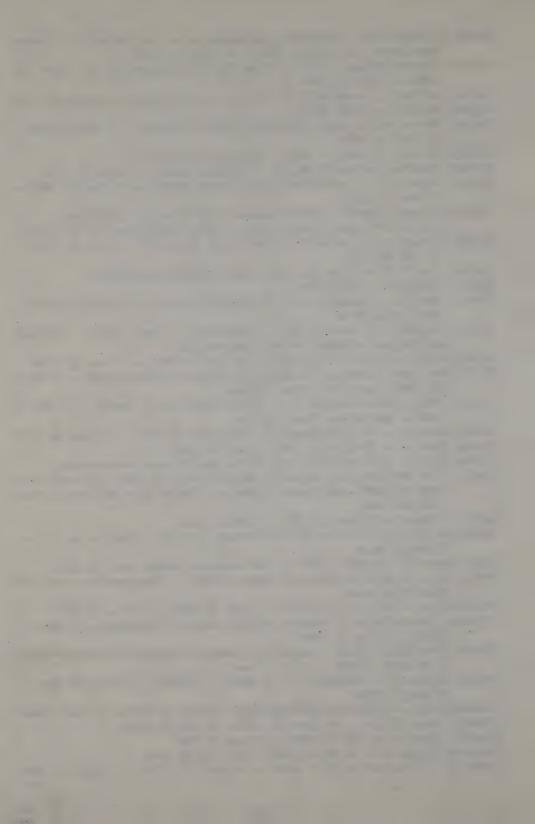
Walton, Nannie G. — daughter of T. P. and L. E. Walton — b: Oct. 25, 1862 — d: Aug. 4, 1868

Stauffer, Emile — husband of Mary Stauffer — b: Feb. 2, 1852 — d: May 7, 1884 Stauffer, Mary Graften — b: June 25, 1882 — d: Jan. 2, 1894

Stauffer, Emma — b: July 19, 1884 — d: Aug. 7, 1885

Roberson, George B. — b: Feb. 7, 1818 — d: July 12, 1886

Reese H. J. — husband of M. E. Reese — b: April 17, 1854 — d: April 18, 1884



Payne, George Frederick - b: Nov. 29, 1851 - d: Oct. 29, 1856

Swain, John F. - b: March 18, 1826 - died June 14, 1891

Swain, Martha F. - born Aug. 25, 1829 - died Aug. 8, 1881

Summers, Hugh A. — son of H. A. and M. E. Summers — d: June 24, 1880 — age 11 mos., 3 days

Crow, Mary F. — b: April 23. 1851 — d: Dec. 12, 1888

Crow, Asa L. Jr. — b: Jan. 29, 1879 — d: June 26, 1879

Crow, Graham Reed — Infant son of J. H. and F. S. Crow — b: April 25, 1887 — d: May 12, 1889 — aged 2 yrs., 7 mos.

Goar, R. P. — son of Rev. R. R. and S. F. Goar — b: June 5, 1888 — d: July 20, 1888

Montgomery, Humphrey — b: Mar. 2, 1875 — d: Sept. 11, 1878

Montgomery, Lelia — b: Oct. 22, 1876 — d: Aug. 1878

McAfee, John H. - 1815-1890

McAfee, Mary B. - 1845-1926

Meriwether, Walter Scott — son of J. N. and H. O. Meriwether — 1862—1950 — "None knew thee but to love thee; None named thee but to praise"

Meriwether, Ellen Douglas — daughter of Dr. J. F. and O. D. Meriwether — b: Sept. 26, 1866 — d: Nov. 27, 1872

Meriwether, Read Simmons — son of Dr. J. F. and O. D. Meriwether — b: Jan. 16 — d: Oct. 1, 1874

OLD WILLINGTON (or Harper) CEMETERY—NE OF CHARLESTON 3 MILES

Harper, Mrs. Mary S. — eldest daughter of Col. Wm. Jones Corallie and his wife
— and 31 years consort of James N. Harper — b: May 17, 1812 —
d: July 5, 1860 at the residence of Jas. R. Houston, Lagrange, Tenn.
in the full enjoyment of Christian Faith and Hope

Coleman, R. D. — b: Oct. 17, 1815 — (rest of stone destroyed)

Pilkington, Wm. R. — (dates destroyed)

Crawley, Bird — born in Halifax County, N. Carolina Feb. 15, 1785 — died November 5, 1847 in the 65th year of his age.

Palmer, Elias — b: March 27, 1790 — d: April 1, 1854 — aged 64 years

OLD TILLATOBA CEMETERY — 1 MILE NW OF CHARLESTON

On Site Of "Old Tillatoba" (first settlement of Charleston)

Marshall, Judith D. — wife of G. G. Harvey — b: in Ky., Sept. 29, 1832 — d: July 10, 1858 — aged 25 yrs., 9 mos., 15 da.

Joseph, son of J. J. and M. G. Harvey — d: Jan. 16, 1855, aged 9 years

Ball, Fanny D. — wife of G. G. Harvey — b: in Va., April 11, 1816 — d: May 3, 1841 — aged 25 yrs., 1 mo., 20 da.

Augusta O., daughter of J. J. and M. G. Harvey — d: June 20, 1851 — aged 3 years, 5 mo., 16 da.

Harvey, J. A. — d: Nov. 13, 1815 — aged 24 yrs., 17 days

(The following inscribed on marble slab on top of brick vault)

Susan M. Betts — wife of A. B. Betts, daughter of C. C. and J. S. Marshall — b: Jan. 9, 1826 — d: Jan. 1, 1883

Fanny Josephine — b: Sept. 8, 1854 — d: May 29, 1855

Charles Coatsworth — b: June 19, 1856 — d: Sept. 10, 1856

James Marshall — b: Nov. 1, 1859 — d: Nov. 2, 1859

John Herbert — b: June 26, 1861 — d: Dec. 7, 1863



Eliza Roberta — b: Sept. 12, 1862 — d: Nov. 25, 1863 William Lee — b: Sept. 15, 1863 — d: Sept. 15, 1863 Abell Laura — b: June 6, 1865 — d: Sept. 1866 Children of A. B. and S. M. Betts

(The following is also inscribed on top of brick vault)

Sacred to the memory of Charles Coffman, who on the 1st of June, 1856, in the 21st year of his life, was suddenly called from time to eternity—

"Green be the Sod above Thee Friend of my earlier days None knew thee but to love thee None named thee but to praise."

Shook, Doss A. — Mar. 15, '57 — July 29, '35
Shook, Maudie Idell — Nov. 19, 1899 — Oct. 27, 1910
Shook, Noah — Co. C, 42nd Miss. Inf., CSA — Jan. 13, 1840 — May 18, 1932
Shook, Sarah A. — wife of N. Shook — b: Aug. 11, 1852 — d: Mar. 23, 1899
Ellen N. — wife of N. Shook — b: Nov. 10, 1870 — d: Sept., 1899
Margaret J. — wife of N. Shook — b: Sept. 5, 1886 — d: May 30, 1869
Mary R. — wife of Jacob N. Jones — b: Jan. 10, 1879 — d: Aug. 8, 1898

This is but a small part of the "History of Tallahatchie County". We would like to again acknowledge our debt of gratitude, to Mrs. Claude Earl Fox, Jr., Mrs. Frances Rice, Chancery Clerk, Mr. Radford Murphree, Mrs. Walter Meriwether, and Miss Clyde Lindsey, for their help in preparing this paper.

LILLIE NEELY HENRY

LATER NOTES: An early Editor of the "Old Tallahatchian" was F. W. Merrin. He published this paper as early as May, 1866.



CHAPTER VIII

OFFICERS FOR 1960-1961

REGENT	Mrs. William W. May
VICE-REGENT	
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	Mrs. George P. Cossar
RECORDING SECRETARY	Mrs. M. R. Barnhill
TREASURER	Mrs. F. C. Rowland
REGISTRAR	Mrs. Lillie N. Henry
CHAPLAIN	Mrs. Norfleet Hawkins
HISTORIAN	Mrs. T. L. Carter
LIBRARIAN	Mrs. Brick Pritchard

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Name	Ancestor
BARNHILL, Louise Steele (M. R.)	John Raeburn (Virginia)
BUNTIN, Eleanor McCorkle (E. T.)	William Neely (Virginia)
BUNTIN, Mary Raeburn (W. W.)	John Raeburn (Virginia)
BURNETT, Florence Buntin (J. L.)	John Raeburn (Virginia)
CARLISLE, Jane Lee (C. W.)	George Walton (Georgia)
CARTER, Sadie Metcalf (T. L.)	Aaron Moore (N. Carolina)
CHILDERS, Mary Jean, Mrs.	
COSSAR, Elizabeth Finney (G. P.)	
FEDRIC, Mary E. Houston (D. L.)	
FOX, Shirley Houston (C. E., Jr.)	
HARRELSON, Alice Harris (C. M.)	
HARRIS, Sarah Jane, Miss	
HAWKINS, Elizabeth Pattison (N.)	
HENRY, Lillie Neely (G. A.)	
HOUSTON, Laura Jane, Miss	
HULETT, Daisy Houston, Mrs.	
JOHNSON, Mary Thompson (L.)	
LINDSEY, Clyde, Miss	
MCLELLAN, Betsy Parker (M. W.)	
MARSHALL, Mary Rebecca, Miss	Thos. Marshall (Virginia)
MAY, Jean Conger (W. W.)	
PRITCHARD, Jane Carlisle (W.)	
ROSS, Mary I. Vause (J. R.)	Thos. Marshall (Virginia)
RICE, Lucy Mullen (L. I.)	
RICE, Mary E. Neely (N. R.)	
ROWLAND, Edna Caffey (F. C.)	
SHEFFIELD, Dorothy Wilkins (W. E.)	
THOMPSON, Elizabeth Lee, Miss	
VAUSE, Betty Wilcox (L. O.)	
WILCOX, Maude Darby (J. P.)	Josian Darby (S. Carolina)

MEMBERSHIP PENDING

Miss	Laverne May	Webb,	Miss.
Mrs.	E. E. Taylor	Webb,	Miss.
Miss	Blanche Meade Payne	Charleston,	Miss.







